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Ventura Freeway (U.S. Highway 101) in Calabasas: All Lanes Closed on Four Nights for Bridge Construction

Complete Freeway Closure from Midnight to 5 a.m.

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LOS ANGELES — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced today that a complete freeway closure is planned on four nights in February on U.S. Highway 101 (the Ventura Freeway) in the city of Calabasas **at Lost Hills Road**. Closing the freeway is necessary for bridge construction at the US-101 interchange at Lost Hills Road. The following freeway closures are scheduled:

- Wednesday, Feb. 7, starting at 10 p.m.: Two southbound lanes closed.
- Thursday, Feb. 8, from 12:01 a.m. to 5 a.m.: All southbound lanes closed.
- Thursday, Feb. 8, at 5 a.m.: At least two southbound lanes open.
- Thursday, Feb. 8, at 6 a.m.: All lanes open.
- Thursday, Feb. 8, starting at 10 p.m.: Two southbound lanes closed.
- Friday, Feb. 9, from 12:01 a.m. to 5 a.m.: All southbound lanes closed.
- Friday, Feb. 9, at 5 a.m.: At least two southbound lanes open.
- Friday, Feb. 9, at 6 a.m.: All lanes open.
- Tuesday, Feb. 13, starting at 10 p.m.: Two northbound and two southbound lanes closed.
- Wednesday, Feb. 14, from 12:01 a.m. to 5 a.m.: All northbound lanes closed.
- Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 5 a.m.: At least two northbound lanes open. All southbound lanes open.
- Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 6 a.m.: All lanes open.
- Wednesday, Feb. 14, starting at 10 p.m.: Two northbound lanes closed.
- Thursday, Feb. 15, from 12:01 a.m. to 5 a.m.: All northbound lanes closed.
- Thursday, Feb. 15, at 5 a.m.: At least two northbound lanes open.
- Thursday, Feb. 15, at 6 a.m.: All lanes open.

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THIS IS A NEW, ADDITIONAL NIGHT CLOSURE:

- Thursday, Feb. 15, starting at 10 p.m.: Two northbound lanes closed.
- Friday, Feb. 16, from 12:01 a.m. to 5 a.m.: All northbound lanes closed.
- Friday, Feb. 16, at 5 a.m.: At least two northbound lanes open.
- Friday, Feb. 16, at 6 a.m.: All lanes open.

This fifth night freeway closure was added to the schedule after rain affected the progress of the work Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Each morning, all freeway lanes will be opened by 6 a.m., and possibly as early as 5 a.m. The schedule is weather-permitting and subject to change. Some lane closures may be required in addition to those listed here.

Signs will be in place to show detour routes for drivers to avoid the construction area.

The closures are necessary to place girders for a new bridge structure. Each girder weighs up to 76,000 pounds. Security Paving Inc. is the contractor on the \$24 million project of the city of Calabasas, which involves replacing the Lost Hills Road bridge, providing improvements to the on/off ramp design onto US-101 and enhancing safety for pedestrians.

Traffic fines are doubled in construction zones, and the California Highway Patrol will be on duty. Caltrans reminders drivers to "Be Work Zone Alert" and "Slow for the Cone Zone."









